



## **City of Miami Beach Tourism & Travel Scholarship Program**

### ***Application Eligibility***

Eligibility criteria:

- ◆ High school diploma or equivalent
- ◆ City of Miami Beach resident or graduate of Miami Beach Senior High School
- ◆ United States resident, citizen, or visiting student with valid student visa for college admission
- ◆ Enrollment in post-secondary education institution
- ◆ Interest expressed in the food and hospitality industry (as demonstrated by coursework and extracurricular activities))
- ◆ Minimum 2.5 (unweighted) Grade Point Average
- ◆ Scholarship Application completed accurately
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation
- ◆ Certified copy of school transcript or Credit History form
- ◆ Resume
- ◆ Interview by Selection Committee, if selected by Selection Committee
- ◆ \* If selected to receive scholarship, completion of six-week paid internship/mentorship with Volume Service America within one year of receipt of scholarship for those receiving scholarships funds from Volume Services America

The following criteria will be evaluated and weighted in the selection process but will not restrict applicants meeting the criteria above:

- ◆ Applicant ethnicity
- ◆ Economic need
- ◆ Community service or civic involvement
- ◆ Internship and/or work experience within the food and hospitality industry
- ◆ Secondary school enrollment

### ***Scholarship Awards***

Scholarships will be awarded based on merit and available funds.  
Scholarship disbursement is at the discretion of the scholarship funders.

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## ***Application Submission***

Eligible applicants must submit the following:

- 1) Application accurately completed
- 2) Certified copy of school transcript or Credit History form
- 3) Copy of lease, utility bill or other acceptable documentation establishing City of Miami Beach residency
- 4) Copy of birth certificate, Social Security Card, Resident Alien Card, or valid student visa
- 5) Two letters of recommendation
- 6) Resume
- 7) Proof of acceptance or enrollment in post-secondary education institution
- 8) Additional support material representing community service, internship experience or civic involvement

Completed applications and support material must be submitted by April 15, 2003:

City of Miami Beach Office of Children's Affairs  
C/o City of Miami Beach Travel & Tourism Scholarship Program  
1700 Convention Center Drive  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Applications available online at [www.miamibeachfl.gov](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov)

## ***Selection Process***

Eligible applications will follow this selection process:

- 1) Applications will be screened for eligibility as defined in the eligibility criteria.
- 2) Eligible applications will be screened and weighted for the following criteria:
  - ◆ Applicant ethnicity
  - ◆ Economic need
  - ◆ Community service or civic involvement
  - ◆ Internship experience within the food and hospitality industry
  - ◆ Secondary school enrollment
- 3) Applicants receiving the highest numerical evaluation based on the weighted criteria will be scheduled for a personal interview before the Selection Committee.
- 3) Applicants appearing before the Selection Committee will receive a numerical score for their performance before the Committee.
- 4) The combined numerical scores from the Volume Services America Grant Application and personal interviews will establish the ranking for scholarships awarded.
- 5) The Committee reserves the right to alter the award distribution in the event of scoring ties or the submission of less than expected applications. A maximum of eight scholarships will be awarded.

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## ***Screening Process***

All applications received by the posted deadline at the City of Miami Beach Office of Children's Affairs will be screened for eligibility. Eligibility screening will be limited to ensure compliance to the following criteria:

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- ◆ Enrollment in post-secondary education institution
- ◆ Interest expressed in the food and hospitality industry (as demonstrated by coursework or extracurricular activities)
- ◆ Minimum 2.5 (unweighted) Grade Point Average
- ◆ Application completed accurately
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation
- ◆ Certified copy of school transcript or Credit History form
- ◆ Resume
- ◆ Interview by Selection Committee, if selected by Selection Committee
- ◆ \*If selected to receive Volume Services America-sponsored scholarship, completion of six-week paid internship/mentorship with Volume Services America within one year of receipt of scholarship
- ◆ Scholarship awards will be presented at a Miami Beach City Commission meeting.

## ***Selection Committee***

The City of Miami Beach Travel & Tourism Selection Committee will be comprised of the following:

- ◆ A representative of Volume Services America
- ◆ A representative SMG
- ◆ A representative of the Greater Miami & the Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau
- ◆ A representative from the Miami Beach Kiwanis Club
- ◆ A representative of the City of Miami Beach

## *Scholarship Application*

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| <b>Applicant Name</b> <i>(Please print)</i>     |                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Address</b> <i>(Include apartment #)</i>     |                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>City/ Zip Code</b>                           |                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Home Telephone</b>                           |                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>School</b>                                   |                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Grade Point Average</b>                      | <i>(Provide unweighted GPA only)</i>                                                                                                        |
| <b>Residency Status</b> <i>(please check 1)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> US Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> US Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Valid Student Visa for College Enrollment |
| <b>Annual Household Income</b>                  |                                                                                                                                             |
| <b># of People in Household</b>                 | <i>(Please include parents and all siblings)</i>                                                                                            |

Please use additional pages, if necessary.

1) Describe your involvement or interest in the food and hospitality industry.

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2) Describe your civic involvement and/or community service history.

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3) Describe your education plans including college and major.

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4) What impact, if any, will this scholarship have on your education?

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Applicant Signature

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Date

Please attach the following and submit to the City of Miami Beach Office of Children's Affairs:

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*The scholarship funders reserve the right to change or amend the scholarship program to facilitate equity and fairness for all applicants. The scholarship funders are equal opportunity employers.*